

Lunar Strategic Roadmap Committee

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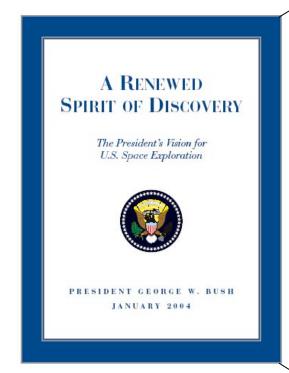
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THE FUNDAMENTAL GOAL OF THIS VISION IS TO ADVANCE U.S. SCIENTIFIC, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC INTEREST THROUGH A ROBUST SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM



Implement a <u>sustained</u> and <u>affordable</u> human and robotic program to explore the solar system and beyond

Extend human presence across the solar system, starting with a human return to the Moon by the year 2020, in preparation for human exploration of Mars and other destinations;

Develop the innovative technologies, knowledge, and infrastructures both to explore and to support decisions about the destinations for human exploration; and

Promote <u>international and commercial</u> <u>participation</u> in exploration to further U.S. scientific, security, and economic interests.



Realizing the Future

Earth, Moon, Mars, and Beyond



Foster and sustain the exploration culture across generations

- Open new frontiers
- Continuing and inspiring
- A constant impetus to educate and train

Identify, develop, and apply advanced technologies to...

- Enable exploration and discovery
- Allow the public to actively participate in the journey
- Translate the benefits of these technologies to improve life on Earth

Harness the brain power

- Engage the nation's science and engineering assets
- Motivate successive generations of students to pursue science, math, engineering and technology
- Create the tools to facilitate broad national technical participation

International Cooperation

- Promote common objectives and cooperative/complementary efforts for space exploration
- Utilize international capabilities to help close capability gaps and develop breakthrough technologies





- 1. Return the Shuttle to safe flight as soon as practical, based on CAIB recommendations
- 2. Use Shuttle to complete ISS assembly
- 3. Retire the Shuttle after assembly complete (2010 target)
- 4. Focus ISS research to support exploration goals; understanding space environment and countermeasures
- 5. Meet foreign commitments
- 6. Undertake lunar exploration to support sustained human and robotic exploration of Mars and beyond
- 7. Series of <u>robotic missions to Moon</u> by 2008 to prepare for human exploration
- 8. <u>Expedition to lunar surface</u> as early as 2015 but no later than 2020
- 9. Use <u>lunar activities to further science</u>, and test approaches (including lunar resources) for exploration to Mars & beyond
- 10. Conduct robotic exploration of Mars to prepare for future expedition
- 11. Conduct <u>robotic exploration across solar system</u> to search for life, understand history of universe, search for resources
- 12. Conduct advanced telescope searches for habitable environments around other stars
- 13. <u>Demonstrate</u> power, propulsion, life support capabilities for long duration, more distant human and robotic missions
- 14. Conduct <u>human expeditions to Mars</u> after acquiring adequate knowledge and capability demonstrations
- 15. Develop a <u>new Crew Exploration Vehicle</u>; flight test before end of decade; human exploration capability by 2014
- 16. <u>Separate cargo from crew</u> as soon as practical to support ISS; acquire crew transport to ISS after Shuttle retirement
- 17. Pursue international participation
- 18. Pursue commercial opportunity for transportation and other services

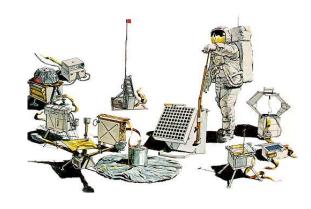


Objectives

- Implement a sustained and affordable human and robotic program
- Extend human presence across the solar system and beyond
- Develop supporting innovative technologies, knowledge, and infrastructures
- Promote international and commercial participation in exploration

Major Milestones

- 2008: Initial flight test of CEV
- 2008: Launch first lunar robotic orbiter
- 2009-2010: Robotic mission to lunar surface
- 2011: First uncrewed CEV flight
- 2014: First crewed CEV flight
- 2015–2020: First human mission to the Moon





New Way of Doing Business Enables Affordability & Sustainability

- Spiral Development employs technology to enable each successive step
 - Focused on System-of-Systems needed for Exploration
 - Paced by experience, technology readiness and flexibility
- Implement Strategy-to-Task-to-Technology Process
 - Requirements-driven technology investment
- Employ innovative acquisition strategies
 - Commercial Service Providers, Data buys
 - Government/industry partnerships
 - International participation
- Rigorous acquisition strategy and execution
 - Management rigor
 - Consistency of purpose
 - Disciplined processes

Use the Vision to Transform NASA

- Focus Agency on a long term space vision
- Employ an integrated agency approach
- Leverage talent, experience and leadership recent successes and demonstrated management reforms
- Maintain passion and commitment to succeed



Vision Requires System-of-Systems Integration

Cross-Agency Coordination & Integration



Transit and Launch Systems

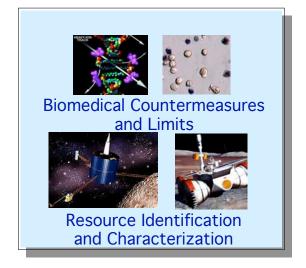


The Human: an Essential Element of the System of Systems

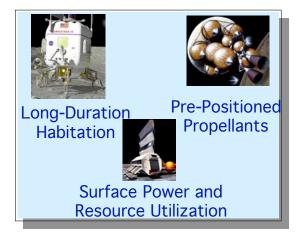


Surface and Orbital Systems

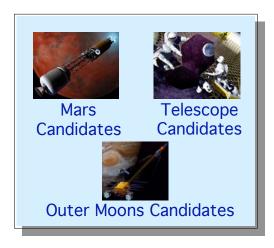




Supporting Research



Technology Options



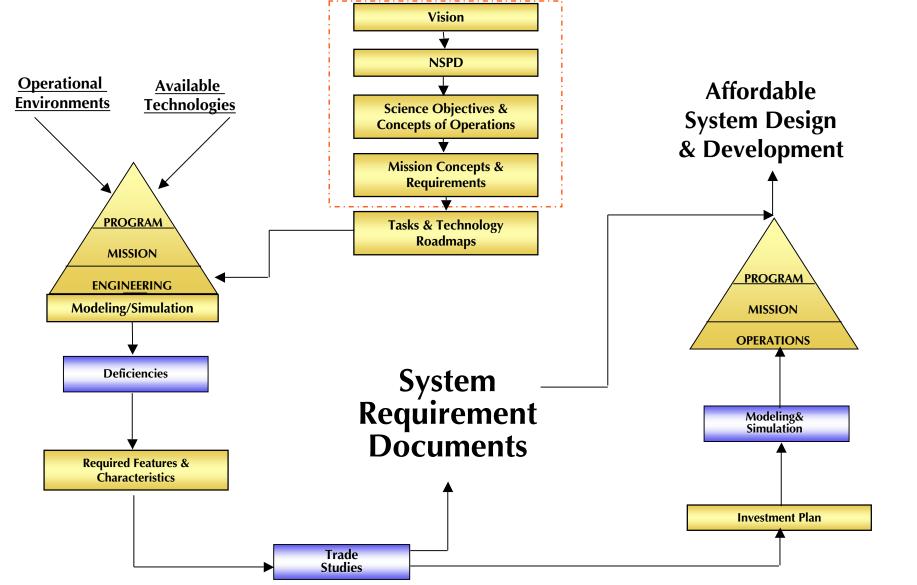
Commonality/Evolvability
For Future Missions



Developing Requirements and an Investment Plan



Strategy-to-Task-to-Technology Process





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Lunar Strategic Roadmap Focus:

Conduct robotic and human lunar expeditions to further science and to test new exploration approaches, technologies, and systems that will enable future human exploration of Mars.

